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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN PRESS PICKS UP NOVOSTI ARTICLE ON JEWISH
EMIGRATION

FROM SOVIET UNION

1. BOTH MAGYAR NEMZET AND MAGYAR HIRLAP FEBRUARY 26 CARRIED
NOVOSTI ARTICLE REFUTING WESTERN PRESS REPORTS OF EXTENSIVE
DEMONSTRATIONS IN SOVIET UNION BY WOULD-BE JEWISH EMIGRANTS.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER, ARTICLE CITES STATISTICS ON JEWISH
EMIGRATION FROM SOVIET UNION. THESE ARE HIGHLY FAVORABLE FROM MOSCOW
VIEWPOINT. ALLEGEDLY, 136,000 RUSSIAN CITIZENS HAVE BEEN
PERMITTED TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL SINCE WORLD WAR II. IN LAST
FIVE YEARS, NOVOSTI CLAIMS, ONLY 1.6 PERCENT OF APPLICANTS FOR
EMIGRATION WERE "TEMPORARILY DELAYED PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE".
ACCORDING TO NOVOSTI, TEMPORARY REFUSAL WAS DUE TO LEGITIMATE
REASONS ACCEPTED BY HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTION OF 1966, PRINCIPALLY
THOSE HAVING TO DO WITH SECURITY OF THE STATE AND RETENTION OF
MILITARY SECRETS. OF THOSE WOULD-BE EMIGRANTS
TEMPORARILY REFUSED AT AN EARLIER DATE, NOVOSTI
CONCLUDES, HALF RECEIVED THEIR VISAS IN 1975-76.

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2. COMMENT: APPEARANCE OF NOVOSTI ARTICLE IN HUNGARIAN
MASS CIRCULATION PRESS IS, OF COURSE, ANOTHER INSTANCE
OF STANDARD GOH SUPPORT FOR SOVIET POSITION ON HUMAN
RIGHTS. THERE IS, HOWEVER, ANOTHER INTERESTING ASPECT
TO APPEARANCE OF NOVOSTI ARTICLE. NOW THAT HUNGARIAN
PRESS HAS PRINTED NOVOSTI PIECE WITH STATISTICS ON

SOVIET EMIGRATION HIGHLY FAVORABLE TO USSR, STAGE HAS
BEEN SET FOR GOH TO PUBLISH FIGURES JUSTIFYING ITS WON
LIBERAL EMIGRATION POLICIES. IF GOH SHOULD, IN FACT,
ELECT TO DO SO AT SOME POINT, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES
DECISION COULD BE MEANINGFUL IN TERMS OF MFN ISSUE.
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